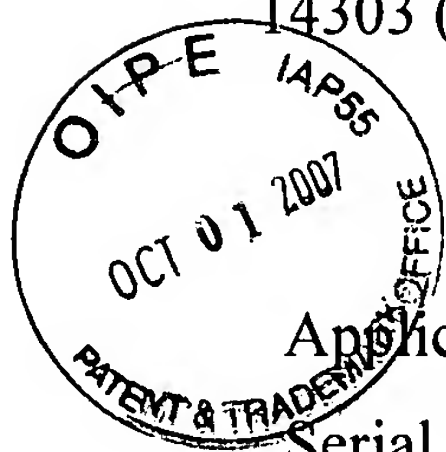


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicant: Richard J. Ernst
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified Application.

- (X) Notice of Appeal (in duplicate) with a check for \$500.00.
- (X) Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate) with check for \$450.00.
- (X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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